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SUBJECT: RESCHEDULING OF KICKOFF AGENCY FORUM FOR THE SOUTHEAST MARICOPA /
NORTHERN PINAL COUNTY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Tuesday, November 27, 2001 - 10:00 a.m.
Kiwanis Room, Queen Creek Town Hall
22350 South Ellsworth Road, Queen Creek

The Agency Forum to kickoff the Southeast Maricopa / Northern Pinal County Area Transportation Study has been **rescheduled for the time and place noted above** (agenda attached). This meeting was previously scheduled for November 14th at the Apache Junction City Conference Room. You are invited to attend this Forum or to send a representative.

The primary topics for the Kickoff Forum will be a review of the scope of work, discussion of the study area boundaries, and an overview of a field tour for the project. The scope of work was transmitted previously on November 1, 2001. Please contact Roger Herzog if you need another copy. The study is expected to take nine months to complete. Agency Forums will be held regularly throughout this period. Public workshops will also be scheduled.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Roger Herzog at (602) 254-6300 or rherzog@mag.maricopa.gov.

Attachments

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MAG Study Area Transportation Review Committee Representatives

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DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Introduction

2. Project Overview & Scope of Work

An overview of the project will be presented, highlighting key tasks and decision points as well as related studies and schedules. Input from local agency representatives is requested on any needed changes to the scope of work that might be incorporated before work on the project proceeds. Key issues that need to be addressed in the study are of particular interest. Local studies or plans that may be relevant to the study are also requested. Specific points of interest in the website and GIS deliverables for the project may also be discussed.

3. Study Area Boundaries

Based on a preliminary review with local agency representatives, Task 1 of the scope of work tentatively identified the boundaries of the study area to be Superior/SR79/US89 on the east, Eloy/below I-8 on the south, the Maricopa County boundary on the west, and the South Mountain freeway corridor/101L/Superstition Freeway Corridor on the north. The study area tentatively suggested includes nearly all of the Gila River Indian Community. Pinal County later suggested that the study area within that County be focused on the section north and west of Florence and Coolidge. Unincorporated portions of Maricopa and Pinal Counties within the study area are also to be addressed in the study. Following consideration of any new input received at this Forum, the boundaries will be refined as appropriate and finalized.

4. Field Tour

Task 1 of the scope of work also includes a field tour. Input from local agency representatives is requested on the route, format and scheduling of the tour, as well as the invitees and speakers.

5. Staff Contacts

For continuity of participation throughout the study, each participating agency is requested to designate at least one technical contact from their agency. The designated staff person(s) would assist by providing local transportation and related information as needed, attending meetings, reviewing draft working papers, and providing a contact point(s) for other local agency staff. Please let us know before or at this meeting the name of the principal technical staff contact(s) for your agency for this study.

6. Next Steps

The scope of work will be revised as needed. A field tour will be, if possible, scheduled for early December 2001. The consultant will develop a consultation and coordination plan. Project documents will be loaded on the website to be established for this project.